

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



OCTOBER 21, 2017

From 9am to 4pm

FINDING NEW EYES: Awakening to the Call of the Spirit.

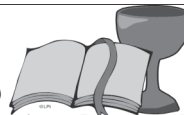
Sacred Doorways welcomes nationally acclaimed storyteller, author & theologian **John Shea**, along with teachers & authors **Drs. Catherine & Michael Carotta** for a retreat experience.

This retreat invites all to learn how to open our spiritual eyes & awaken with new breath: God's breath and consider that calls from God in life expand far beyond work to encompass the direction of each individual life. By learning to see with the eye of the Spirit, we can awaken to who we are & begin to live a new life more in tune with our true calling - regardless of age - individually & communally.

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
Piscataway, NJ.

For registration & further information
Phone (609) 702-7858 or online at
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MASS INTENTIONS



- Sat, 09/16/2017 05:30 pm**
Dorotea Mancino
- Sun, 09/17/2017 09:00 am**
Edward Montpleaise
- 09/17/2017 11:00 am**
Birthday Memorial of Franck
Deshommes
- Mon, 09/18/2017 07:00 am**
Birthday Memorial of Ipifania de
Vera
- Tue, 09/19/2017 07:00 am**
Blessings for Mission Work and
People in Nigeria
- Wed, 09/20/2017 07:00 am**
Blessings & Thanksgiving for
Travelers Missionaries
- Thu, 09/21/2017 07:00 am**
Fr. Joseph Mukalel
- Fri, 09/22/2017 07:00 am**
Michael & Cecilia Ihiegbonam &
Deceased Relatives
- Sat, 09/23/2017 08:30 am**
Helene & Sergej Zwetkow

AVAILABLE DAYS FOR MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER

- 07:00am Fri 1, Mon 4, Tue 5, Fri 8, Thu 14, Tue 19,
Wed 20
- 08:30am Sat 9, Sat 30



On Air. Online. On Demand.



THE PROPHET SAMUEL

Third Part

Samuel's role as teacher: Although the biblical record is scant, it seems that Samuel may have founded a center or school at Ramah to train young men in prophetic service (Pulpit Commentary, 1 Samuel 19:18-19). Later, during the time of Elijah and Elisha, schools existed at Bethel and Jericho (and possibly Gilgal) where these studious men were called "the sons of the prophets" (2 Kings 2:1-7, 15; 4:38).

The training of these religious leaders was to serve as a barrier against corruption and to protect the nation by furnishing it with men qualified to act as leaders and counselors in the fear of God. "Prophets spoke the word of God. They were primarily spokespersons who called His people to obedience" (Holman Bible Dictionary, "Prophet").

At times God had His prophets fulfill additional duties such as anointing future kings and working with them. Samuel was the instrument God used to anoint the first two physical kings of Israel, Saul and then David (1 Samuel 9:15-16; 16:1). Samuel cared for Saul and served as an instructor to him in his early years of kingship (1 Samuel 9:25; 10:25). Later, when Saul overstepped his kingly authority and disregarded God's commands, God spoke through Samuel to tell Saul that he was rejected as king over Israel (1 Samuel 15:26).

God then sent Samuel to anoint young David to be Israel's next king. For a number of years David was close to Samuel, able to learn from his guidance and experience (1 Samuel 19:18).



Samuel's role as judge: Another of Samuel's leadership roles was that of chief judge of Israel after Eli, his predecessor, died.

Much earlier, in the time of Moses, God established the office of judge. Moses served as a judge of Israel, deciding cases between people and teaching God's statutes (Exodus 18:16; Numbers 11:16). Under this system, there would be a chief judge and appointments of local judges for the towns and cities of Israel (Exodus 18:21-22).

During the period of the judges, a judge was often a military champion or a deliverer that God would appoint to win victories over Israel's enemies. Some familiar military judges included Joshua, Gideon, Deborah and Samson.

Samuel fulfilled a more general sense of a judge, being a person carefully selected by God for his integrity and skill to decide legal cases for the people. Samuel served as a judge who focused on teaching and administering justice (Holman Bible Dictionary, "Judge").

To be continued...

PADRE PIO—Feast Day: Sep 23



"I want to be only a poor Friar who prays.. Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer..."

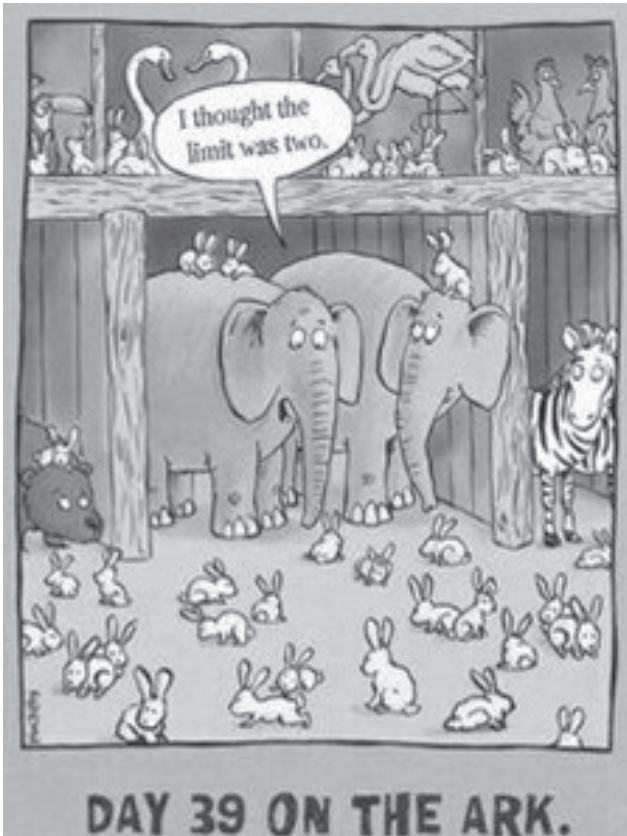
Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart. You must speak to Jesus not only with your lips but with your heart. In fact on certain occasions you should speak to Him only with your heart..."



WITNESSING FOR THE LORD

In the Gospel reading, Peter wants to know how many times he has to forgive someone who sins against him. What is the number of times, Peter wants to know, that he has to forgive that sinner? But this question is confused. There is no such number as the one Peter is looking for. There is no limit on the number of times we have to forgive someone who has sinned against us.

We can understand the point of this Gospel story if we see the connection between love and forgiveness. Refusing to forgive is



READINGS

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time
-Year A**

Reading I: Sirach 27:30-28:7

Psalm: 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

Reading II: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

refusing to love, and it is never acceptable not to love. That is why it is never right to withhold forgiveness either.

The relation between love and forgiveness also helps us see the difference between forgiving a wrongdoer [on the one hand,] and enabling him to continue in his wrongdoing. Love wants the good for the beloved. A person who forgives a sinner loves that sinner; and because she loves him, she has a heart for his good. A wife who continues to live with a husband who beats her isn't forgiving him. She's helping him to get worse. There is nothing loving or forgiving about enabling a person to get worse. For her to forgive her husband is for her to want his good, even in the face of his bad treatment of her. But his good requires, first of all, that he stop hurting her, and then that he repent his terrible treatment of her.

If he is unrepentant, if he rejects goodness and love, then she can want the good for him anyway. But her forgiveness of him will be like a gift that can't be given because he won't receive it. Then the best she can do for him is to keep a distance from him, so that he doesn't get worse by continuing to hurt her.

God's love is like this, too. God's forgiveness is always there and so is God's love. Because God loves every person, God is offering the good to every person too, no matter what his sins may be.

So God does not keep a careful distance from us even when we sin. What stands between us and God is only our willingness to receive the gift God is offering. If we will only not reject it, the gift of God's love and forgiveness will be given and received.

Eleonore Stump

September 17, 2017

Ministries: If you're interested in ministries of service either as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, please fill out the form below and give it to Fr Frank. An information & a training session will be held so you'll be prepared.

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- I am interested in serving as a Lector
- I would like to serve as an Eucharistic Minister

We are Looking for more Altar Servers, girls and boys, third grade or older, to participate as ALTAR Servers. This ministry is a wonderful privilege for either young Or older people. It allows you to participate actively in the weekend celebrations of the Eucharist. Please fill out the form below and return to the rectory or Fr Frank
 Name: _____ Grade _____
 Phone _____ School _____

To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven
"A time to heal, and a time for peace" Eccl 3, 11

Mary Grace, Dorette Lewis, Carmela Spagnola, Rochelle Shapland, Jean Sarno, Alisha Soomon, Joanne Warnigiria, Christopher Leahy, Albert Matthews, Genevieve Kosmala, Betty Manna, Patricia Schwoebel, Al Tatyrek, Steve Balkaren, Sandra Anderson, Glenn Bowen, Richard Coit, Meean Lopez, Ida Tozzi, Lillian Manley, Marie Muscadin, Alicia Dixon, Hilliard Davis, Eve Scheier, Joe & Annette Manzella, Kylie Keegan, Sophia Udoh, Lisa Casale, Barrett McCallum, Anthony Iannetta, John Gaykowski, Zenaida Makasakit, Kathy Manichini, Edna Weigand, Thomas Maher, Gloria Caponigro, The Drayton Family, Gladiette Nkiru, Jack Kenefick, Maria Rosado, Marie J. Bruno, John Hollan, Bernice Plesnik, Debbie Chapman, Keller Alphonse, Sean Worthington, Nicole & Jonathan Garrett, Denise Rostel, Linda Beutel Robert Nezlick, Carol Ligenza, Kalifa George, Marie Laurent, Susana Hernandez, Vito Camuso, Lucila Caicedo, Kerline Gourdet, Joseph Trinity, Jacqueline Rodriguez, Catherine Therese, Bob Wilber, John Lupo Jr, Charles Holmes Jr., Dionicio Landin, Mary Ann Tillman, Lucette Dorcent.

Army: Tyronne Nicholas Lopez, Dennis Karambelas, Robert King, Daniel Peton, Hyacinthe Luna, Gregg Gross, Jason Schmidt, Lynn Peton, Hector Grover, Louis Herbert, Andrew Futerman, Calvin Sahlon, Stephen Condo,

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 The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all credible complaints, and encourages anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct by the clergy, religious and lay staff to tell us immediately, so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to sexual abuse victims. Individuals who wish to report an allegation may do so by calling the Child and Youth Protection. 201-407-3256, Fax: 973-497-4001. Or In person, 171 Clifton Avenue. Newark, NJ 07104

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